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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

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Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 58/297 of 18 June 2004,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolutions 57/315 of 18 June 2003 and 58/297 of 18 June 2004 on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base,[1] and the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of the existing mechanisms and award of contracts for procurement,[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

[1] A/59/681 and A/59/691.
[2] A/59/701.
[3] A/59/736 and Add.2.
[4] A/59/736/Add.2.

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3. *Notes* the proposal of the Secretary-General to expand the Logistics Base, and requests the Secretary-General to include detailed information on the financial and legal implications, as well as on the expected benefits that may arise from the expansion in the budget submission for 2006/07;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to ensure the active participation of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the negotiations between the World Food Programme and the Government of Italy concerning the release of the San Vito Base;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolution 59/____;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a further analysis of how the Logistics Base could best be utilized to provide efficient and economical communications and information technology services, as well as other services, for United Nations peacekeeping and Headquarters clients;

7. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

Strategic deployment stocks

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, including the functioning of existing mechanisms and the award of contracts for procurement;[2]

9. *Takes note* of the deficiencies in the contingent-owned equipment of rehatted troops, and requests the Secretary-General to review options for the effective rehatting of contingents and provide recommendations in this regard;

10. *Approves* the use of savings derived from the liquidation of prior period obligations and the unspent balance of the strategic deployment stocks to cover losses on currency exchange and replenishment of the stocks;

11. *Also approves* the inclusion of strategic deployment stocks replenishment within the commitment authority described in section IV, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the fulfilment of the existing policies and procedures relating to stock control and inventory and replenishment, regarding strategic deployment;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;[5]

[5] A/59/681.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

14. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi amounting to _____ United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

Financing of the budget estimates

15. *Decides* that the requirements for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 shall be financed as follows:

(a) The unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,441,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004 to be applied to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

(b) The balance of _____ dollars to be prorated among the budgets of the active peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

(c) The net estimated staff assessment income of _____ dollars, comprising the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 and the increase of 118,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, to be set off against the balance referred to in subparagraph (b) above, to be prorated among the budgets of the individual active peacekeeping operations;

16. *Also decides* to consider at its sixtieth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.